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CONSULAR POLICE CONTACTS

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Most contacts have remained in their jobs. One of our best contacts has moved up from Chief of Detective Division to replace a Colonel as Director of Security for Kabul Province. Another contact who was widely known to be corrupt has been replaced by a police captain who appears vigorous and ~~intelligent~~ *earnest* and who speaks good English, but who is otherwise an unknown quantity. Over all, I would say that we are even better off now than before in our contacts.

The new government seems sincere in its attempts to clear up the hippie-narcotics problem. Whether this new zeal will last is, of course, another question. One world traveler was heard to complain "you can't even bribe the police for ~~an extension~~ a visa extension."

*Info for possible addition to
answer to State 154272.*